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**Beasley Speech**

BIRMINGHAM—Lt. Governor Jere Beasley, accused of speaking at a national Ku Klux Klan meeting Saturday said he made the speech but refused to name the Klan as sponsor of the gathering.

He said he appeared "before a large group of citizens" and "spoke on the subject of law and order, giving the same basic speech that I have used the past six months."

Beasley, who had refused comment since the "klonvocation" at Tuscaloosa was reported Sunday night, issued a prepared statement but refused to answer reporters' questions.